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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in section II, paragraph 2, of its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, decided that the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme should be headed by the Executive Director of the Programme, who should be elected by the General Assembly, on the nomination of the Secretary-General, for a term of four years.

2. In its decision 52/316 of 3 December 1997, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Assembly elected Klaus Töpfer (Germany) to be Executive Director of the Programme for a four-year term of office, beginning on 1 February 1998 and ending on 31 January 2002.

3. In accordance with the above-mentioned provision of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), the Secretary-General wishes to nominate Mr. Töpfer for re-election as Director of the Programme for a four-year term, beginning on 1 February 2002 and ending 31 January 2006.

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